

## **Opposition to Proposed Change in Current Decency Standards**

I oppose the proposed change to the current FCC indecency standards, as contained in Proceeding 13-86. Relaxation of the current policy that prohibits broadcast of indecent content during hours when children are likely to be part of the viewing audience (television) or listening audience (radio) offends my personal moral philosophy, and—far worse—poses a genuine threat to the formation of young adults with the moral fiber necessary for preservation of the American way of life. As such, allowing impressionable young people to be subjected to depiction of behavior generally regarded by society as depraved places the nation's future well-being in more than theoretical jeopardy.

In view of the foregoing, I consider it to be clear and compelling that relaxation of the current longstanding policy would not only fail to serve the public interest, but indeed would work directly against it. I call upon the FCC to discharge its responsibilities to safeguard the integrity of the *public* airwaves from polluting content like profanity, nudity and sexual acts that conflict with prevailing societal standards. The Supreme Court has recognized the authority of the FCC to enforce prohibition of such content during hours when children are likely to be among the viewing or listening audience. Do not shirk your ongoing responsibility to protect our young people from potentially corrupting content during such times, even though it may to some be brief or fleeting enough to fall short of “egregious.”

None of us is perfect when it comes to formulating personal moral codes, let alone policies to protect society from erosion of its moral standards. But when it comes to safeguarding our children and teenagers from potentially corrupting influences, errors on the side of caution are far less dangerous to our nation than errors on the opposite side of the spectrum. Please exercise your responsibilities to represent the public's interest accordingly.